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Biography

Jennifer Karas Montez is a University Professor of Sociology, the Gerald B. Cramer Faculty Scholar in Aging Studies, and Director of the Center for Aging and Policy Studies at Syracuse University. Her research focuses on trends and disparities in US population health since the 1980s and the growing influence of state policies and politics on health. A major focus of this work investigates why health trends are particularly worrisome for women, for people without a college degree, and for those living in states in the South and Midwest.